

Lakewood Community Relations Commission (LCRAC)

Virtual Meeting May 13, 2021

AGENDA

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission

Thursday, May 13, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Neil Chavan, Rachel Donaldson, Melissa Garrett, Tracy Greenberg, Gwendolyn Holden-Seckers, Anastasia (Stacy) Loejos, Ella Sutcliffe, Walter Wright

Absent: Tariq Ata, Robin Beavers, Camille Bragg, Jon Gromek, Jasany Jenkins, Lise Stevens

Meeting called to order by Walter Wright (WW), Chair of LCRAC at 6:54 p.m.

1. Old Business

- a. April 2021 Minutes Approval: Tracy Greenberg (TG) motioned to approve; Ella Sutcliffe (ES) seconded. All present approved.
- b. COVID-19 Update: Melissa Garrett (MG) said all state-ordered health orders will be removed June 2 and the City is still processing what that may look like for Lakewood.

2. LCRAC 2020-21 Report to City Council

LCRAC to submit docket request for presentation at June 21 meeting.
Follow up with Lise Stevens (absent).

3. Community Outreach Survey Status

- a. Neil Chavan (NC) asked members to review the powerpoint document, noting that the narrative section is still a work in progress and will need assistance from other LCRAC members. NC suggested a shorter version for public viewing and a more in-depth version for the report to City Council. WW asked that LCRAC members review the document and send any additional ideas regarding language to NC or Jon Gromek.
- b. Timeline: A June presentation is possible but a date needs to be set.

4. Public Safety Communications

City Council asked LCRAC for feedback on two communications regarding safety. SL and other members agree that recommendations addressing mental health are positive. Discussion of other recommendations continued, including engaging community members, looking at other similar cities for successful implementation of safety programs, and looking for best practices from other communities.A

motion was made by ES to share notes from this discussion with the City Council. The motion was seconded by SL.

5. Lakewood Alive

WW was approached by Ian Andrews, Executive Director of Lakewood Alive and Alison Urbanic to determine LCRAC's involvement or assistance with community events, including a public forum on safety and racism and also a picnic. LCRAC has in the past assisted with the Madison Park picnic event but is not a sponsor. LCRAC is an advisory committee only and was created to advise City Council on issues affecting the community. Individuals are welcome to participate in any event of their choosing, however. LCRAC could add the suggestion of Lakewood Alive as a good resource when sending advisory notes to Council.

6. Announcements

WW informed LCRAC that Jasany Jenkins has resigned from the commission effective May 13, 2021 due to time constraints with other obligations.

7. Adjournment

SL motioned to adjourn; NC seconded the motion. WW adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Upcoming LCRAC Meetings:

June 10, 2021

July 8, 2021

Minutes prepared by GHS